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## Thank You, Veterans!



Dear Friends,

The men and women who serve this nation deserve our respect, support, and gratitude 365 days a year, but most especially on Veterans Day. Veterans Day is an important reminder of the sacrifices they make, and it provides an opportunity for us to come together to celebrate their courage and service.

As a senior member of the House Armed Services and Homeland Security Committees, I spend a great deal of my time focused on defense and national security issues. The well-being of our service members and the care we provide for veterans is an important component of that work, so veterans are always on my mind.

This has been especially true of late; no more so than when I had the privilege of meeting an incredible [World War II veteran named Felix Pelletier](#). Felix has impressed so many people with his generosity – myself included – and my visit with him has resonated with me as we prepare to honor all our veterans. Felix served our country with distinction, surviving the Invasion of Normandy and

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### Save The Date

#### LUNCH WITH LANGEVIN

*Mark your calendar now!*

December 12, noon-2pm

Serio's Pizzarama

405 Church St, Pascoag

### Did You Know...?

#### LANGEVIN EN ESPAÑOL

Rep. Langevin's website has a Spanish-language page that can help you reach out to our constituent caseworkers and learn more about the services we help with. >>

#### FAST FACT

Hopkinton will build a new travel plaza and welcome center on I-95, thanks to a \$9 million federal TIGER grant. >>

### In Other News

#### ONLINE WARFARE

Rep. Langevin weighed in on the Obama administration's strategy to combat cyber espionage with countries like North Korea. >>

the Battle of the Bulge. His service could have ended on those battlefields, but Felix has never forgotten his fellow troops who continue to face danger every day to protect our freedom.

Since 2004, the 90-year-old Felix has sewn more than 75,000 neck coolers and ditty bags for active-duty military. For Felix, it gives him a sense of purpose. For those of us who are lucky enough to know him, he is an inspiration.

Felix is an amazing person and one of Rhode Island's many decorated veterans. This Veterans Day, I hope you will reach out to one of them and say thank you.

Sincerely,

*Jim Langevin*



### **New Beginning**

Congress achieved a victory for compromise with the passage of a two-year bipartisan budget agreement that provides stability and predictability for our country. While not perfect, this deal [represents significant progress for middle-class families](#) and reverses the most damaging impacts of sequestration. The American people have had enough manufactured crises and internal bickering within the House, and I am eager to use this momentum to move forward in the right direction.



### **Well-Rounded Roundtable**

Students are better prepared when they have a range of experiences, and I believe Rhode Island should be thinking outside the box to provide a well-rounded education. As co-chair of the Career and Technical Education Caucus, I [convened a roundtable](#) with business leaders, educators and workforce development advocates from both Rhode Island and Germany to see [how we can strengthen apprenticeship programs](#) and replicate successful models of employer-educator partnerships.

### **SUPPORTING RESEARCH**

As the Travis Roy Foundation continues to raise money to help people with spinal cord injuries, Rep. Langevin discussed the importance of investing in medical research. >>

### **ISLAND LIVING**

Rep. Langevin spent the day on Block Island, visiting the school, medical center, library and town hall. >>

### **LANGEVIN CENTER**

Rhode Island College dedicated the Langevin Center for Design, Innovation and Advanced Manufacturing to Rep. Langevin, a proud RIC alumnus. >>

### **CYBER SUCCESS**

With information sharing gaining traction in Congress, Rep. Langevin advocated for legislation that helps to fight hacks while protecting privacy. >>

### **MARITIME SECURITY**

As co-chair of the Cybersecurity Caucus, Rep. Langevin called for stronger cybersecurity and better reporting for maritime ports. >>

### **CARE FOR CAREGIVERS**

Rep. Langevin supported Rhode Island's Temporary Caregiver Insurance program in their pursuit of a \$235,727 federal grant. >>

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